Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 552–572, and S. Res. 78–79.

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Measures Passed:

Career and Technical Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 79, supporting the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month.

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Desmond Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Michael J. Desmond, of California, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 84 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 30), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 12:15 p.m., on Wednesday, February 27, 2019; and that there be two minutes of debate equally divided prior to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 29), Eric D. Miller, of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Today—30)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:07 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 27, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$1496.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 1,818 nominations in the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Northern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General John E. Hyten, USAF, Commander, United States Strategic Command, and General Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy, USAF, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Command, both of the Department of Defense.

B-21 "RAIDER"

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland received a closed briefing on the B-21 "Raider"

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from General Stephen W. Wilson, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff, and Randall G. Walden, Director, Rapid Capabilities Office, both of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark Anthony Calabria, of Virginia, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, Bimal Patel, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Dino Falaschetti, of Montana, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, both of the Department of the Treasury, Todd M. Harper, of Virginia, and Rodney Hood, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board, Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, and Judith DelZoppo Pryor, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors, and Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be President, all of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Seth Daniel Appleton, of Missouri, and Robert Hunter Kurtz, of Virginia, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, after receiving testimony from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

CONNECTING AMERICA

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Transportation and Safety concluded a hearing to examine connecting America, focusing on intermodal connections across our surface transportation network, after receiving testimony from Chuck Baker, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association, Washington, D.C.; Noel Hacegaba, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California, on behalf of the Intermodal Association of North America; Donna Lemm, IMC Companies, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee, on behalf of the Agri-

culture Transportation Coalition; and Joseph Szabo, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors.

UNITED STATES TERRITORIES

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the state of the United States territories, after receiving testimony from Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rossello, San Juan; Guam Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Adelup; United States Virgin Islands Governor Albert Bryan, Jr., St. Thomas; and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Governor Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres, Saipan.

DRUG PRICING

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug pricing in America, after receiving testimony from Richard A. Gonzalez, AbbVie Inc., North Chicago, Illinois; Pascal Soriot, AstraZeneca, Wilmington, Delaware; Giovanni Caforio, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Albert Bourla, Pfizer, both of New York, New York; Jennifer Taubert, Johnson and Johnson, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Kenneth C. Frazier, Merck and Co., Inc., Kenilworth, New Jersey; and Olivier Brandicourt, Sanofi, Bridgewater, New Jersey.

YEMEN

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Monday, February 25, 2019, Committee received a closed briefing on the conflict in Yemen from Timothy A. Lenderking, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Arabian Gulf Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Michael P. Mulroy, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Middle East, Department of Defense.

2019 ANNUAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REPORT TO CONGRESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine the 2019 Annual Intellectual Property Report to Congress, after receiving testimony from Vishal Amin, Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 4, 1356–1383; and 6 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 21; and H. Res. 148–152, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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